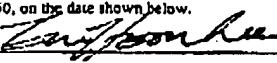


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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated October 11, 2006 (Paper No. 20060929), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

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